GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Conservation of Sunderbans
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a)whether the Government has signed any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Bangladesh regarding 'Conservation of Sunderbans';
(b)if so, the details thereof;
(c)whether the aforesaid MoU also includes the conservation of Royal Bengal Tigers;
(d)if so, the details thereof; and
(e)the progress made so far in this regard for implementation of the said MoU?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a), (b), (c) & (d)Yes Madam. The Government of India has a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, signed on 6th September, 2011. The conservation of Sunderbans, interalia, includes conservation of Royal Bengal Tigers also. The said Memorandum of Understanding is at Annexure-I. Besides, a protocol on conservation of the Royal Bengal Tiger of the Sundarban was also signed between the aforementioned Governments on the same date. The said protocol is at Annexure-II.
(e) As per the agreed actions of Memorandum of Understanding/protocol, joint report on assessment of tigers with Bangladesh has been published, technical assistance is being provided to Bangladesh on radio telemetry study / research on tigers. The officers from Bangladesh are getting required number of berths in diploma training of Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun, besides information sharing and joint meetings between the officials of both countries from time to time.

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